



TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 26, 1901.

THE REPUBLICANS of New York city are talking about electing Mr. Carnegie to the majority thereof. And so it goes. Having given a few people all the money of the country, the poor dupes who have been foolish enough to do so, would now put them in possession of all the highest offices. They have already done so in the case of the national government, and are likely to do so in that of the city referred to, if so desired; for money makes people, as well as mares, go, and a man who can afford to give away hundreds of millions on public libraries, will have little difficulty in buying an office in a city in which every man has the right to vote—and, believes he has the right to sell that vote for what it will bring, and so hebetated are they that, for a little cash in hand, they will vote for men who will so tax their property as to make it valueless.

HEATHEN China has appealed to the Christian powers to prevent Christian Russia from dividing her territory and seizing and holding a large part of it; but the appeal has been in vain. Selfishness is as influential with Christians, as it is with heathen human nature, and with both, might makes right. China is now poor and weak, demoralized and disorganized and can make no effective resistance to any violent assault that may be made upon her, and so no Christian nation will defend her from the cruel and cowardly attack of the Christian Russian government. Even Great Britain powerful as she is, and whose own interests in the East will be affected by Russian supremacy there, dares not to interfere between a weak and a strong nation. But it has been so from the beginning, and will be so until the end, and there is no help in us.

THE opposition of Senator McComas, Representative Mudd and other prominent republican managers and democratic deserters in Maryland, to the restriction upon ignorant and vicious negro suffrage in that State, is now satisfactorily explained. They had the census returns added in the negro counties as an increase of the number of delegates to the legislature from those counties, and thereby to prevent the election of a democratic U. S. Senator in place of Mr. Wellington, whom they have repudiated because he was independent enough to not in accordance with his own convictions of public duty, instead of with their partisan commands. They are now striving to the extent of their power to induce the census bureau to stop the investigation of their racialism.

AND NOW the Cubans, under the teachings of their Northern republican friends, have produced their frauds and corruption into their gas works, and to such an extent that the consumers there, as in the cities of this country, have raised their voices and cried aloud against the unconscionable robbery to which they are subjected. The whole Bible is now scouted by the so-called Christian world, and even openly by many preachers, and the 8th commandment is scoffed at, as a "back number." But the so-called "commercial spirit" and the old time honesty taught by the fathers are incompatible, and those who can't keep up with the progressives fall by the wayside and are crushed.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MILES, who has just returned from a pleasure trip to Cuba at the government's expense, says every thing in lovely there, and that the Cubans are enamored of their American friends, who went to war to relieve them of the alleged tyranny of the Spaniards. But the General says other things besides his prayers. He said he was ordered by Secretary Stanton to put irons on President Davis, but Mr. Stanton said he didn't, and he said a tree under which he stood at the "Bloody Angle," was cut down by rebel bullets, when nothing is better known than the fact that it was cut down by federal bullets. The General has achieved the ambition and should be quiet.

SENATOR DANIEL is said to be the most popular man in the State. As a popular man's advice goes a long way with his friends and admirers, the Senator's active advocacy and support of Mr. Swanson for the gubernatorial nomination ought to be, and doubtless will, help the latter to achieve the object of his ambition, and it is only natural therefore that with that help and that of Senator Martin, and seven of the ten Representatives from his State, the Congressman from the Fifth district should be confident of his election.

THE DEMOCRATS of the city should not let their indifference to politics so affect them as to forget that on Thursday next, the 28th instant, their candidate for the constitutional convention will be nominated, and that that convention will have it in its power to af-

fect not only their State, but their own city, for weal or for woe, and that they therefore should pick out their best man to send to it. The voters, and not the convention, will be to blame if its action shall not be conducive to the public good.

THE NEW YORK Evening Post is preaching to deaf ears when it advises the republican Senators from West Virginia, Messrs. Ekins and Scott, and the other republican leaders of that State, to do as poor old Virginia did, and pay her just share of the public debt of the original State that was due before the territory out of which West Virginia was created, was stolen from her by the federal government.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 26.—The State Department today made public the memorandum handed to the Chinese minister here, Mr. Wu, on Feb. 19, in regard to the secret agreement entered into between Russia and China for the cession of practically annexed Manchuria. On March 1st, this memorandum was cabled to the United States, and ambassadors in Europe and Japan for communication to the government to which they are respectively accredited. Subsequently the State Department suggested that it would be well for all the powers to subscribe to the principles laid down in this memorandum, and favorable responses were received from all of the powers, including Russia, the very government against whom it was directed, has by means of a secret agreement secured control of Manchuria.

The Cabinet discussed the Chinese situation to considerable length at the meeting today. Affairs in the Philippines also received attention, the reports from both these localities being very encouraging. All the members of the Cabinet are confident that the Cubans will accept the provision of the congressional resolution and that no trouble in that quarter is likely to crop out. The President informed his advisors that P. C. Knox, of Pittsburgh, who will probably be named to succeed Attorney General Griggs, is now on his way from California to Washington. He is expected to reach the capital about Thursday. He will then call upon the President, have a consultation with him regarding the position and, if he accepts, the appointment will be formally announced. "It is by no means certain that Mr. Knox wants the place," said a Cabinet member after today's meeting.

The President has practically completed his list of the St. Louis Exposition Commissioners and will probably announce the names within 24 hours. "John Allen of Mississippi will be named," said a republican representative this morning, "as will Prof. Northrup of Minnesota. Mr. Scott, of Arkansas, the candidate urged by Senator Jones, will probably fail of appointment. Ex-Senators Carter, Thurston and McBride will be on the list."

Representative Loudenslager, of New Jersey, chairman of the House pension committee, says that H. Clay Evans will not resign nor be removed from his position as commissioner not brought to bear upon the President for his removal. The statement is considered authoritative that Mr. Evans will remain in office for some time. "Coo" songs are destined soon to become the rage in Persia. Mr. Isaac Kahn, the Persian minister, has purchased a present for the Shah one of the most elaborate gramophones ever constructed in America and with it 150 records, most of which are of the rag time variety. The outfit is said to have cost the diplomat more than \$5,000.

Sallie Cox Smith, yesterday evening, for \$2,000, bought all the interest of the heirs of the late William Corcoran in the new he used to occupy in St. John's Episcopal Church, in this city. Mr. Charles Janney of Leesburg, Virginia, was here today, and, though dressed in Broadway style, was walking about in the rain as unconcerned as a Loudoun county farmer. He says the democrats of his county are in good condition, and though they may differ in their preferences for delegates to the coming constitutional convention, all of them will support the candidates who shall be nominated.

Among the Virginians still in the city is ex-Congressman Trigg of the 9th district. He says he sees by the newspapers that the republicans of his State are talking of running ex-Congressman Walker and Mr. J. Hampton Hoge for Governor; but if they do, he supposes it will be for the purpose of eliminating them entirely from politics.

At the brokers' offices here today every thing was slack, as the wires were down, and stocks, wheat, corn and cotton were about as they were yesterday.

It is stated here today that the President, during his proposed trip through the South, will give the Southern republicans a wide berth, and should he give utterance to any expressions during his trip, all sectional, political and race questions will be especially avoided. Large numbers of fine horses, and their owners, have already arrived here for the spring races, which will commence on Thursday next—more, it is said, than ever before. At the State Department the dismissal of Mr. McLeary Brown, the British director general of customs in Corea, is regarded as due to Russian intrigue and makes another step in the advance of the Russians to supremacy in the East. The immediate sequence to the removal of Mr. Brown will be, it is expected, the appointment of a Russian officer as director general of the Korean customs. Having thus the control of the revenues of the country the next steps toward making it a Russian province will be rapid and easy unless Japan and England can together put obstacles in the way. It is the opinion at the State Department that Germany wants Russia to seize Manchuria in order to give her the excuse she needs to seize the Shan-Tung peninsula for herself. It is believed outside the department that the United States will be swindled out of any indemnity, whether in cash or commercial privileges, for he losses in China in the settlement of Chinese affairs, because this government desires to maintain the territorial integrity of the empire. U. S. Minister Allen and the British minister at Seoul have taken concurrent action in protesting to the Korean emperor against the removal of Mr. Brown, and the State Department expects that it will result in the re-instatement of that officer.

A copy of the constitution of the "Military Order of the Dragon," the society formed by the American army and navy officers who participated in the Chinese campaign, has been received in Washington. All members of the foreign diplomatic corps in Peking and all officers of the allied armies as well as civilians accompanying the American troops in the advance on Peking are eligible for honorary membership. The officers of the order are: President, Gen. Adams; Vice-President, Capt. John T. Myers, U. S. F. M. Corps; Secretary and Treasurer, Capt. F. DeW. Ramsey, 9th U. S. Infantry; Registrar, Capt. George Hutchison, 9th U. S. Cavalry. W. J. Powers was appointed postmaster at Northwest, Norfolk county, Va., today, vice A. J. Zulford, removed.

Representative Jones of Virginia was here today, on his way from home to Petersburg. He says politics are quiet in his district, though they seem to be more active in some other parts of the State. Mr. Jones and his colleagues, Messrs. Lamb and Elzey, belong to the old anti-Martin faction of their party, and are opposed to Mr. Swanson, who is supported for Governor by Senators Martin and Daniel. He says he hears that the Smiths, who are the sons of Senator Swanson's old district, the 11th, are planning to run for the "for sale" sign adorns the front of Senator Deane's house at 19th and N streets N. W., which he purchased several months ago and fitted up for a wedding present to his wife, Miss Pauline, the young lady's engagement to Lieut. Edie now having been broken, the Senator has decided to dispose of the house. He asks \$26,000 for it.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The United States Supreme Court did not decide the Porto Rico case yesterday. After having down several oral decisions an adjournment was taken until April 8.

The election in Hagerstown, Md., yesterday, for city councilmen resulted in the choice of two democrats and one republican, and the new council will be made up, as a result, of four democrats and one republican.

Lieutenant General Miles and his party returned to Washington yesterday from a short tour of inspection in Cuba. The General told Secretary Root that, in his opinion, the Cubans would accept the Platt amendment.

An eight track trolley line between Jersey City and Philadelphia, with cars propelled at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and a five cent fare from city line to city line, is the ultimate plan of Albert L. Johnson, the railroad contractor.

Consul General Guenther, of Frankfurt, reports the appearance at Nuremberg of the first automobile sleigh. The vehicle glides along with great speed and a perfectly safe motion. It was constructed by the Nuremberg Vehicle Company.

Rev. B. F. Stevens, pastor of Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of York, Pa., created a sensation Sunday night in his sermon by declaring that many ladies who move in the highest circles of York's society have succumbed to lechery.

Wiley Kirk, colored, was convicted yesterday in the circuit court, at Towson, Md., of committing a felonious assault on Mrs. Barbara Green, the wife of Charles E. Green, keeper of the lighthouse near Sparrows Point, on March 7, and was immediately sentenced by Chief Judge David Fowler to be hanged.

Great Britain's reasons why that country declined to accept the Senate's amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which were delivered to the State Department, Lord Lansdowne's note, forwarding Great Britain's refusal to accept the amended treaty contends that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty cannot be abrogated without mutual consent.

As the result of the decision of Assistant Attorney General J. O. Peck, of Pennsylvania, master in the suit pending in the United States circuit court to set aside the assignment of the Philadelphia Record for the benefit of the creditors of the defunct Chestnut street National Bank, of which W. M. Singler was president, the Philadelphia Record will be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

FOREIGN.

A hurricane in the South Pacific has caused much damage. Queenstown, Cape Colony, is alarmed over reports that a force of Boers is about to raid that place.

In a quarrel between German and British soldiers at Tientsin yesterday two of the latter were bayoneted. After a lively discussion, article 14 of the Law of Associations, to suppress teaching by religious orders in the schools, was adopted by the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

The foreign ministers at Peking seem unable to agree as to the best method of policing the legation quarters. It is reported from Peking that the Russian government has consented to a number of modifications in the Manchurian convention. The Chinese minister in London, however, has urged the British government to try and prevent Russia from securing the necessary signatures to the Manchurian agreement.

THE SOUTHERN STORM.

As stated in yesterday's Gazette, a tornado swept over Birmingham, Ala., and vicinity that day, killing fully 20 persons, and, it is feared, many more in the outlying country. Half a hundred persons were badly hurt in accidents, and some of these will probably die. The property loss is estimated to be over a quarter of a million dollars. The force of the tornado was such that houses, trees and stores were torn up from the ground and carried some distance. The storm came without warning and had passed before its presence was realized.

Terrific wind, rain, hail and electric storms also swept through parts of Georgia and a section of Ohio. Many people were killed and injured, and the destruction of property was widespread.

Serious damage was done to fruit trees in Georgia and Alabama. A cotton mill at Chambers, Ga., was completely wrecked.

In Nebraska a blizzard has been raging and trains are blocked by snow.

"Topsy Joe" Rapley, who was arrested at Hudson, Mich. and taken to Toledo, Ohio, to answer to the charge of robbing the West Toledo postoffice, confessed to a detective of the Pinkerton agency and United States Marshal Winters, that he was a fugitive from justice, having broken jail at Richmond six months ago, while awaiting a hearing for robbing a bank at Williamsburg, Va., and taken back to Richmond.

Mr. Rapley's little early filer most popular little pills wherever they are known. They are simply perfect for liver and bowel troubles.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Baker, relict of Geo. W. Baker, died in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Louis Bloomberg, a well-known citizen of Richmond, died last night. He was 74 years of age.

At an early hour yesterday morning the fire and the store of William A. Bowen, at Winchester and then set the place on fire to conceal the crime.

A movement is on foot to construct an electric railroad from Fredericksburg into Madison and Rappahannock counties, by way of the towns of Remington and Culpeper.

The factory of the Independent Snuff Manufacturing Company, in Petersburg, a brick structure, 75 by 40 feet, was destroyed by fire last night, as was also the storage and packing warehouse, a frame building, 60 by 40 feet. Loss \$30,000.

The finance committee of the Richmond city council last night decided to recommend the acceptance by the city of Andrew Carnegie's offer to give \$100,000 for a library, provided the city shall appropriate \$10,000 annually for the maintenance of the library.

H. Bobler, on the way from Louisiana to sail for his old home in Germany, became crazy on the train yesterday and tore up or threw away practically all of the \$2,800 for which he had just sold his farm near Shreveport. He had to be put under restraint when near Lynchburg, and on reaching Charlottesville, was placed in jail.

The democratic executive committee of Loudoun county met in Leesburg yesterday and ordered a general primary election on Saturday, April 13, for selection of all district officers, for candidates for constitutional convention and for delegates to joint convention in Middleburg on April 20 to nominate a slate for Fauquier and Loudoun.

Princess Troubetskoy (Amelie Rives) is now in a sanitarium in New York city, where she has been for several months, progressing so steadily toward regaining her health as to be pronounced by the attending physicians as almost entirely well at the present time. The princess, who is now looking the picture of health, will leave New York shortly and return to her father's home at Castle Hill, Va.

CHINA'S APPEAL.

The Chinese minister Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Lub, called at the foreign office in London yesterday and urged the British government to bring pressure to bear in order to prevent Russia from securing the necessary signatures to the Manchurian agreement. The foreign office was still in the dark last night as to whether the agreement will be signed or allowed to lapse when the time expires, March 28. The officials of the Japanese legation are inclined to believe Russia will succeed in getting the necessary signatures.

The situation is still more complicated, owing to the fact, that there are two secret treaties, one of which is to be signed at St. Petersburg, dealing with Russia's military control of Manchuria, and another to be signed at Peking, dealing with her civil power. The Chinese appeals for support have failed to produce any direct reinforcements from Great Britain or apparently from any other power to St. Petersburg, for Russia persistently adheres to her contention that the secret agreements concern no one except herself and China. On this ground Great Britain's request for copies of the agreement was abruptly declined.

It is explained at the foreign office in London that it would be a dangerous and useless breach of diplomatic procedure to endeavor to enter upon expostulation with Russia which would only be based upon information supplied by the Chinese.

In other words, the copies of secret treaties and alleged modifications of them recently given to the powers by the Chinese are worthless documents, and will remain such until Russia herself consents to communicate the text of the actual treaty and modifications.

A Japanese official says Great Britain, Germany and the United States will go no further than a protest. With Japan the question means fight and she is ready to face the issue.

The foreign ministers at Peking believe the present revenues of China, amounting to \$65,000,000 yearly, can be raised to \$150,000,000, and that in twenty years the war indemnity can be paid.

The U. S. government, through Secretary Hay, has declined to protest against the seizure of Manchuria by Russia.

MASONIC.

As heretofore stated, the Grand Lodge of Masons will meet in Richmond tomorrow. One of the most interesting matters to come up is the report of the special committee appointed to consider the question of the Masonic Temple there. This committee, which was appointed at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in this city, is composed of J. B. Sener, of Fredericksburg, and R. W. Burk, of Staunton. The report goes into the financial condition of the Masonic Temple Association. It shows that the Richmond temple cost about \$210,000, although the Grand Lodge did not authorize the expenditure of more than \$110,000 in its construction. After reviewing the financial condition of the association the committee expressed the opinion that the temple building will not sell for more than \$75,000, the amount for which it is mortgaged to a Philadelphia insurance company. The value of the other property of the association, the committee hints very plainly, is also largely overestimated. The consideration of this report will, no doubt, attract unusual attention. The impression is that the Grand Lodge will make some very important changes in the future management of the temple should they consider it the best policy to retain that building.

Headache often results from a disordered condition of the stomach and constipation of the bowels. A dose or two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will correct these disorders and cure the headache. Sold by Richard Gibson, druggist.

Dr. Bull's Celebrated Pills cure many ills. One pill a dose. Box, 50 pills, 10 cts. Cures Constipation, Liver Trouble, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Impure Blood, Headache, Female Complaints, Stomach and Bowel Disorders. Dr. Bull's Pills never gripe. Sold by druggists.

Prof. Ivison, of Louisiana, Md., suffered terribly from neuralgia of the stomach and indigestion for thirteen years and after the doctors failed to cure him they fed him on morphine. A friend advised the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and after taking a few bottles he says, "It has cured me entirely. I can't say too much for Kodol Dyspepsia Cure." It digests what you eat.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.
London, Mar. 26.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, states in an interview that he does not believe that China will sign the Manchurian convention today, but he has not much doubt that China will eventually agree to sign it. In many respects, he thinks Russian civilization is preferable to the present state of affairs in Manchuria.

Marseilles, Mar. 26.—The ship owners refuse to submit to arbitration, and it is feared that the rioting will start again more fiercely than ever, when the decision becomes known.

Warsaw, Mar. 26.—Maxime Goraki, the author, and several professors of the University of Warsaw have been arrested for having expressed sympathy with the students in their request for a reform of university statutes and for having protested against the harshness of the authorities in their treatment of the students and of the people.

Tangier, Mar. 26.—The United States cruiser New York arrived here today to support Consul General Gummer in his demand for settlement by Morocco of the claims of American citizens for indemnity.

Rome, Mar. 26.—The Pope gave an audience today to Senor Pidal, the new Ambassador from Spain to Vatican. Senor Pidal had been instructed by his government to propose a revision of the concordat between the Vatican and Spain so as to relieve Spain from the subsidies now paid to bishops. Pope Leo complained of the conduct of Spain and Portugal in Spain, France, and embittered the last days of pontiff. Senor Pidal was deeply affected by the utterances of the Venerable Pope and declared he would resign his post as Ambassador should Spain insist upon the revision of the concordat which he had been instructed to propose.

London, Mar. 26.—The national memorial committee met at the Mansion House today and resolved to erect a memorial to Queen Victoria in front of Buckingham Palace. It is announced that King Edward is contributing 1,000 pounds; the Rothschilds 5,000 pounds; and Sir Thomas Lipton 1,000 pounds.

Amsterdam, March 26.—President Kruger authorizes a positive denial of the report that he is going to America. He has received many invitations to visit the United States, but has no intention at present of making the journey.

The Storm in the South.
Birmingham, Ala., Mar. 26.—The storm which swept over the south yesterday, destroyed miles of buildings and scattered debris into the woods, being next heard of at Ironville, seven miles away where almost the entire town, a place of 1,000 inhabitants, was wrecked. The path of the storm presents a scene of the utmost desolation. Household furniture is scattered for blocks and in many instances bed clothing can be seen hanging from tree tops. Many houses were lifted up and moved several feet and then dropped without much injury. The troops were called out in the afternoon to guard the devastated district and to prevent pillaging. Just after the storm, a heavy rain fell, adding to the suffering of the homeless. As nearly as can be figured, 5,000 people were rendered homeless.

The citizens in the neighborhood of the devastated district threw open their homes to them Monday night and full provision will be made before Tuesday night. The heaviest losers are poor people, who are least able to bear the loss. One of the regular freights of the storm is that, before it broke, the sky became black, like midnight, and there was an awful stillness. Then rain began to fall in torrents. Next there came a gust of wind lasting perhaps three minutes and all was over. This wind seemed to descend straight from the sky and pursuing a zigzag course moved up and down after the manner of a churn dasher, wrecking houses here and missing others there.

Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 26.—A cloudburst is reported at Greenville, S. C., and a cyclone at Adirsville, Ga. No lives are reported lost.

Will Combat Progressive Tendencies.
St. Petersburg, Mar. 26.—Prince Galitzin, the celebrated Russian writer, has founded an organization known as the "Rusko-Sabranze," a league of a reactionary character formed to combat progressive tendencies. Every member is pledged to combat with all his energy against the ideas of western Europe, both as to politics and literature, and also fashions of dress and methods of trade and commerce. The members are also bound to advocate the revival of serfdom, the banishment of political and other offenders to Siberia, and of stricter censorship of the press. Practically the whole aristocracy of Russia is said to have joined this league, which would put Russia where it was fifty years ago, so far as internal conditions are concerned.

The Nicaraguan Canal Treaty.
London, March 26.—In view of the publication of England's refusal to accept the Nicaraguan canal treaty, as amended by the Senate of the United States, inquiry was made in high official quarters as to whether England would be willing to sell British rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to the United States for, say, one hundred million dollars. The reply was that the sum named would be a welcome relief to the over-taxed treasury of Great Britain, but, on the other hand, for military and sentimental reasons, Great Britain would probably be unwilling to dispose of her rights for a pecuniary consideration, and would prefer no canal at all to a canal that would be exclusively under American control.

Mined the Palace of the Czar.
Paris, March 26.—The Paris committee of Russian mal-contentes states that a mine has been discovered beneath the palace of the Czar at the Sarskoieelo, where the Czar held a council of his ministers on Saturday last to consider the grievances of the university students, and the lawless conditions arising therefrom. The committee states that several prominent persons are accused of being implicated in laying the mine. The committee gives the following figures of dead and wounded in the recent riots: At Moscow, seventeen killed and thirty wounded; at St. Petersburg, eleven killed and twenty-two wounded; the killed including three women.

The annual election for directors of the Pennsylvania Railway is being held in Philadelphia today. The old board has been renominated. The stockholders are voting today to increase the capital stock of the company one hundred million dollars, bringing it up to \$251,000,000.

Opposed to Repatriation.

Brussels, March 26.—The Belgian authorities are becoming unfavorable to the scheme of conveying to the Congo Free State for settlement there the emancipated slaves of Cuba, many of whom have petitioned King Leopold to that effect. The objections are founded on the argument that it would not be politic to extend the desired assistance to intending emigrants, and on the fact that England within recent years at least has refused to do so. It is also obvious that the difficulties of such repatriation would be very great.

Fierce Storms at Sea.
New York, March 26.—Arriving vessels are reporting rough experiences at sea. La Gascoigne, the French liner, came into port this morning and her officers told of a fierce gale lasting three days through which the ship had passed. Seas broke over the decks, smashing rails, boats, and life rafts. None of the passengers was hurt. The steamers Furness and Masdam also got in this morning. They had similar tales of storm at sea.

Verdict in the Chamberlain Suits.
London, March 26.—A verdict for one thousand dollars has been found for the plaintiff in the suit of Arthur Chamberlain, brother of Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary, against the Evening Standard and Morning Leader. Arthur Chamberlain and Neville Chamberlain, son of Arthur, sued the newspapers for damages for having accused them of having improperly used their influence as relatives of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary for the Colonies, to promote their business interests and to secure government contracts. The suit of Neville Chamberlain has been settled for seven thousand five hundred dollars. The charges were similar in both cases but the evidence against Neville was less weighty.

Weather Conditions.
Washington, March 26.—Thunder storms are reported from the south Atlantic States and Ohio. Thunder equals, becoming dangerous on the coast, are indicated for this afternoon in States east of the Alleghany mountains, and frosts are probable in all Southern States, except in Florida. Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast.

The Markets.
Georgetown, Mar. 26.—Wheat 70a77.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.
New Jersey Council Junior Order United American Mechanics today filed answer at Trenton, to the recent suit of the national body, which seeks revocation of the Jersey charter. The latter organization denies jurisdiction over the body in levying objectionable per capita and instituting insurance feature. Insurance collections, ordered as a result of the Minneapolis convention in 1899 entirely at variance with the laws of the State.

Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) through his counsel, Augustus Galt, this morning brought suit in the United States Circuit Court of New York, against Butler Brothers, a department store firm, for \$10,000 damages. Clemens claims that the defendants have published and sold a book entitled "Library of Wit and Humor, by Mark Twain," together with a picture of himself. Twain claims he did not write it.

The safe in the Somerset, N. Y. Bank was blown open about two o'clock this morning by an armed gang of eight men. It required six blasts to open the three doors, including the time lock. The jewels and contents were not touched. The officials say the burglars got \$5,000 in currency and some valuable papers. A number of citizens made an effort to drive the burglars away, but were repulsed with shot guns. Two teams were stolen and the men took a northerly direction. A posse is in pursuit.

Thomas Wild, Jr., aged 14, who disappeared from his home in Rochester, N. Y., March 15th, returned today with a queer story. He said he had been kidnapped by Edward Fuller, a traveling vaudeville showman, and taken to Canada. He managed to escape Sunday night at Toronto and worked his way back home. The boy has remarkable memory and was able to give a detailed account in order to put him on the street.

While oiling the machinery yesterday at Foss & Conklin's trap brook quarry at Rockland Lake, N. Y., Charles Pearson's coat was caught. He was drawn into a stone crusher and instantly killed. Workmen heard his cries, but they could not stop the machinery in time to save his life.

Leading anthracite coal railroad officials who were seen in New York this morning said there is little danger of a coal strike and no prospect whatever of recognition by the railroad of the organization of the miners.

John Milnes, aged 79, and Nancy Downey, 77, of Middlebury, N. Y., have eloped and been married. The children of the couple would not consent to the marriage; hence the elopement.

Garry Hermann, the famous race horse and jockey in the Kentucky and American Derbies, has been sold to Captain Sam Brown, of Pittsburgh, for \$25,000.

Elizabeth Preble, a bride of three weeks, swallowed poison in Chicago last night because her husband would not allow her to carry the purse.

Two of the largest papers in Chicago, The Times-Herald and the Record, will be merged into one publication after the municipal elections next week.

It is said that George J. Gould is about to become the head of a combination of railroads with a capitalization of \$300,000,000.

ANOTHER BOER DEFEAT.—The London war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Pretoria yesterday: "Babington's force, including Skeleton's column, attacked Delarey, 1,500 strong, southwest of Ventersdorp, and, having defeated him, followed him up rapidly, with the result that the Boers' rear guard was driven in and their convoy, including the guns, were captured at Vaalbank. Our troops displayed great gallantry and dash. They captured two 15-pounder guns, one pom-pom, six Maxim's, 320 pounds of big ammunition, 15,000 rounds of small ammunition, 160 rifles, 53 wagons and 24 carts, besides taking 150 prisoners. Our losses were slight. Many Boers were killed or wounded."

It is said at Capetown that the Boers lost heavily in attacking the garrison at Lichtenburg, 30 miles northwest of Ventersdorp, last week. More than 70 burghers are reported to have been shot at once upon one wire entanglement.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.
As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering the circulation, it is not surprising that it should also destroy the sense of taste. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. It cures Catarrh of the Nose, Throat, Lungs, and Bladder. Hall's Catarrh Cure is sure you get the goods. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

STOLE A TUGBOAT.—John Bondurant, 11 years old, stole a tugboat from her moorings, at Norfolk, yesterday, and ran away with her. Failing to get the launch of the collector of the port, he boarded John Twoby's Fannie, fired the boilers and getting up steam cast off, and, rushing to the pilot-house, steered the vessel away from the wharf. He was enjoying his trip down the clear channel greatly when the steam was cut off for lack of a fireman, and the little fellow could not bring the boat back. Meanwhile her owner had missed the Fannie and the ocean tug McCutley was rushed out in search of her. They found the Fannie drifting about down the river. She was brought back and no legal action was taken by kind-hearted Captain Twoby.

FAIRFAX DEMOCRATS.—The democratic executive committee of Fairfax county has decided to hold district meetings on April 10 for the nomination of candidates for district offices, and to nominate delegates to a county convention to select a candidate for the constitutional convention. Mr. R. Walton Moore has consented to go from Fairfax county. There will be no opposition to him, not even, it is believed, by the republicans. It is understood that he is the unanimous choice of both parties.

EXEMPT FROM A STAMP ACT.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that all bonds of State, county, and municipal officers, "conditioned for the due execution or performance of the duties of any office or position and account for money received by virtue thereof," are exempt from the payment of a stamp tax. All previous rulings to the contrary are revoked.

COURT OF APPEALS.
Thomas vs. Sneed, commissioner, argued and submitted. The next case to be called are First National Bank of Richmond vs. Holland, and State Bank of Virginia vs. Domestic Sewing Machine Company.

Mrs. C. E. VanDusen, of Kibbourn, Wis., was afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation for a long time. She says, "I have tried many preparations but none have done me the good that Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have." These tablets are for sale at Richard Gibson's drug store. Price, 25 cents. Samples free.

Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup for teething babies, Full-size bottle, 10 cents. Cures Wind, Colic, Diarrhea, Loss of Sleep, Griping Pains, Sour Stomach, Fever, Cholera Infantum. Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup also promotes the digestion and soothes the baby. Sold by druggists.

A Carriage Company's Offer.
The remarkably low prices at which the Columbus Carriage and Harness Co. can afford to sell direct from the factory, buggies, plantations, surreys and harnesses is attracting widespread